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Armed With Seeds to Tackle Food Security



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On July 12, 2012, a USAID Team visited the Seed Distribution Fairs in Baguinéda and Markacoungo, two rural communities East of Bamako. The livelihood Seed Fairs is a component of the USAID-funded five-year, \$30 million Out-of-School Youth Project.

Farima B. Doumbia, a 19 year-old mother of two children, is one of the 4,000 youth aged 14-25 who enrolled in the seed distribution program. They received technical and literacy training, start-up farming equipment and seeds to start micro-businesses in agricultural-based income generating activities. Farima chose market gardening. *"Thanks to this program, I have acquired free of charge seeds that my husband and I can now use to plant the half hectare of land we own in our village. We will not only improve our diet, but will be able to make more money and secure a better living for our children"*, she said.

Farima proudly shows a sample of the seeds she procured with the voucher.

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